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SUBJECT: HUTCHINSON CASE - DELIVERY OF PROVISIONS OCT. 6

1. AT NOON TODAY MY TWO COLLEAGUES AND I, TOGETHER WITH THREE GALLONS OF WATER, TWO QUARTS OF SPANISH BOTTLED DRINKING WATER FOR THE SPANISH PRIEST, VITAMIN C FOR HUTCHINSON, AN ENVELOPE OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, THREE JARS OF BABY FOOD FOR THE VENEZUELAN VICE CONSUL, AND THIRTEEN VENEZUELAN-SIZE SANDWICHES, MET WITH POLICE COLONELS VALDERA AND GUERRERO IN THE VICINITY OF THE VENEZUELAN

CONSULATE. WE WERE TOLD BY THEM THAT THIS TIME WE HAD TO STAY WELL TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE CONSULATE, ACROSS THE STREET AND BEHIND TWO SOLDIERS WITH RIFLES BEHIND THE SANDBAG TRENCH. WE PROTESTED THAT THIS CHANGE WOULD SURELY ALARM THE CAPTORS.

2. NONETHELESS, WE SHOUTED OUT THAT WE WERE THERE AND MENDEZ VARGAS SHOUTED BACK "AMBASSADOR HURWITZ, PLEASE GO TO THE TELEPHONE OVER WHICH WE SPOKE THIS MORNING. I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU."

COLONEL VALDERA TOLD ME THAT THE TELEPHONE WAS DAMAGED AND NOT FUNCTIONING. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER THE TERRORISTS HAD DAMAGED

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THE PHONE HE MERELY LOOKED ENIGMATIC. I CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION

TO MENDEZ WHO THEN REPLIED THAT THEY HAD EVIDENCE THAT THE POLICE WERE IN A STATE OF ALERT AND THAT WITH US AT SUCH A DISTANCE NO ONE WOULD RECOVER THE FOOD. THE THREE OF US REMONSTRATED WITH THE TWO COLONELS THAT WE WERE A BIT WEARY OF DAILY CHANGES IN SIGNALS WHICH RESULTED IN OFFENDING OUR DIGNITY (MY SPANISH COLLEAGUE FEELING THIS MOST KEENLY). COLONEL VALDERA RADIOED FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS AND WE WERE PERMITTED TO MOVE THREE YARDS FORWARD IN FRONT OF THE TRENCH AND AFTER CONSIDERABLE SHOUTING BACK AND FORTH IN THE HOT SUN MENDEZ VARGAS FINALLY WAS PERSUADED THAT THE FOOD COULD BE RECOVERED WITHOUT RISK AND SO IT WAS.
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